

Sermon Outline for September 29, 2024

Christian Freedom ~ Scripture: 1 Corinthians 9:19-27

Call to Worship: Psalm 126:1-6. Sept 29 1 Cor 9:19-27 Christian Freedom

In vs. 19-27 Paul gives his own example as the right way to utilize our Christian freedom. He gives up his right in different ways. What ways: _____ **(Churches that pay).**

Paul thought in order to do better ministry he would waive his right for pay.

In vs. 19 "... I am free," though, his freedom is countered. He belongs to no one. He is free in Christ. And belongs to nobody. He has made himself a slave to everyone to win as many as possible. Slave- What is the reason to give up his freedom ?

_____ **(Salvation of the lost).**

Paul gives up his freedom to win as many as possible. It's explained in vs. 20-22. His example. What are the four groups of people with different cultural behavior and norms?

_____ **(Jews; Those under the Law; Those not having the Law; and the weak).**

Paul becomes like all of them in order to win some people. To the Jews he became like a Jew. To those under the law he became like those under the law. Paul walked like a Jew. His conduct: He would not eat pork. He is not under the law. He has died to the law according to Christ Jesus. He is doing this for salvation of the Jew. He acts like, talks like, and walks like a Jew. (The same as Gentiles). Paul is under Christ's law. He's not free from Christ's law. Why does he do this? _____ **(To win the lost).** Paul does not sin in order to reach people. He still hangs out with sinners. (To the weak Paul became weak to win the

weak). You don't exercise your freedom towards the weak to do whatever you want to do. You don't hinder a relationship with someone by doing what might cause them to sin.

I have become all things to all people in order to save some. A fruit of the Gospel is that we don't demand our rights.

Why aren't more people getting saved in church? It's not happening. Why? What's the problem?

_____ **(People are not making the effort).**

Psalm 126:5-6. Those that _____. **(Sow).** We need to plant seeds, witness to people, tell people about Jesus, share our faith, and make an _____ **(effort).** "The one who goes ____ and ____ **(to and fro)** weeping and carrying the seed." We've lost our focus in churches. We need to make a personal effort. Who knows the result of success? _____ and _____ **(farmers and fisherman).** Winning souls is harder than farming and fishing.

Paul is sensitive to the new believer and their weaknesses. I do all these things for the sake of the Gospel. He doesn't demand his rights. 1 Corinthians 9: 24-25 Paul uses the example about the image of an Olympic athlete in Corinth, the games, as the idea is about the training that is necessary. What role does discipline play? _____ **(Do you not know that in a race all run to get the prize?)** If you want the prize you need to run faster and better than others. In the Christian life, it's not that one only gets the prize. Everybody that competes goes into strict training. What conduct, what intensity and what discipline does it take to get the prize? _____

(It's not just what you do on race day that will help you).